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Frankfort, January 1, 1848.

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Frankfort, January 1, 1848.

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FRANKFORT.....SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 1848.

## KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

### IN SENATE.

FRIDAY, Jan. 7, 1848.

Senate was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. NORTON, of the Episcopal Church.

Journal of yesterday was read by the Secretary.

Hon. ARCHIBALD DIXON, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate, appeared and took the Chair.

The SPEAKER laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The usual number of copies ordered to be printed and the report referred to the committee on Education.

#### Petitions.

Petitions were presented by Senators Hardin, Thurman and Patterson, and appropriately referred.

#### Reports from Standing Committees.

Mr. CRENshaw, from the Judiciary committee, reported a bill for the benefit of the heirs of David Mize, deceased; second and third readings dispensed with, and passed.

Mr. RICE from the same committee, a bill limiting the jurisdiction of the General Court in certain cases; second and third readings dispensed with, and passed.

Mr. BOYD from the committee on Religion, a bill divorcing Mary C. Parker from her husband, Wm. C. Parker; second and third readings of the bill were dispensed with.

Messrs. BOYD and FOX set forth the merits of the case in a few remarks, and the bill was then passed.

#### Reports from Select Committees.

Mr. HAMBLETION reported a bill for the benefit of the heirs of Thos. D. Helm, deceased; readings dispensed with, and passed.

Mr. McNARY—a bill to change the name of Wm. G. Musgrave, of Hopkins county, to that of Wm. G. Logan; readings dispensed with, and passed.

Mr. ENGLISH—a bill to amend an act entitled “an act to further protect the rights of married women;” second reading dispensed with, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Also—a bill to modify and repeal in part the “Negro law of 1833;” second reading dispensed with, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Leave was granted to introduce the following bills:

To Mr. TODD—a bill to charter a company to construct a turnpike road from Lexington to New-town, in Scott county; referred.

Also—a bill to appoint trustees to the Ashred Church and burying-ground; referred.

To Mr. McMILLAN—a bill for the benefit of the children of Wm. Arnett, and others, of Nicholas county; referred.

To Mr. EVANS—a bill giving jurisdiction to Circuit Court Judges to grant changes of venue in criminal prosecutions; referred.

Mr. SLAUGHTER—leave to introduce a bill directing the Secretary of State to furnish Samuel Carpenter, Judge of 13th district, certain law books lost by his predecessors; referred.

To Mr. RUSSELL—a bill for the benefit of Richard and Elizabeth E. Neese; referred.

#### Orders of the Day.

H. R. bill for the benefit of the Judge of the 2nd Judicial District; second reading dispensed with, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

H. R. bill to amend the road law of Trimble county; second reading dispensed with, and referred.

H. R. bill to authorize the taking of depositions of Officers and Soldiers on foreign service; second reading dispensed with, and referred.

H. R. bill to amend the law in relation to the town of Bowlinggreen; second reading dispensed with, and referred.

H. R. bill for the benefit of James T. Pettus; second reading dispensed with, and referred.

H. R. bill to change the name of Henderson Robertson, and for other purposes; second reading dispensed with, and referred.

H. R. bill for the benefit of Amanda Hutchison and her children; second reading dispensed with, and referred.

H. R. bill concerning the election of Electors for President and Vice President; second reading dispensed with, and referred.

The following amendment of the H. R., to the Senate resolution authorizing the Governor to have a national salute fired on the morning of the 8th inst., was concurred in, viz:

“And that he be requested to fire a salute of One hundred guns on the 22d and 23d of February next in honor of the birth day of Washington, and of the great victory obtained on those days at Buena Vista, by Maj. Gen. Zachary Taylor, mainly with Volunteer Militia troops, over Gen. Santa Anna, President of Mexico, commanding four times the number of troops opposed to him.”

#### Special Order of the Day.

The bill to again take the sense of the people of Kentucky as to the propriety of calling a Convention to alter the Constitution of Kentucky, was, on motion of Mr. CRENshaw, referred to the Judiciary committee.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, January 7, 1848.

The House was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. ROBINSON.

Journal was read by the Clerk.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Culton, Miller, Speed, Short, Carlisle, Pratt, Bowen and Conner, which were appropriately referred.

#### Reports of Standing Committees.

Mr. J. N. STEPHENS reported against the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Bath; agreed to.

Also—against the petition of John Culver; but on request the report was withdrawn, and on motion of

Mr. J. N. STEPHENS, a bill to authorize the Trustees of the town of Cadiz, in Trigg county, to sell certain grounds, &c.; read and passed.

A message from the Senate, was received, announcing the passage of certain bills, &c.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which on motion of

Mr. HARDY, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. BUSH, against the petition of sundry citizens of Wayne county, to establish additional election precincts.

Mr. HUDSON moved to reverse the report of the committee, when

Mr. BUSH explained the grounds upon which the committee had reported adversely to the petition.

The committee were not opposed to granting the prayer of the petitioners, but they were compelled in duty to report against them, because the petitioners had not complied with the requisitions of the Statute in regard to posting notices, &c.

Mr. HARDY was anxious that the House should act upon the matter if it was possible, since it was a matter of importance to the people of that county. The Presidential election was to be held only one day, and it was necessary to have additional precincts, in order that all the citizens might be able to vote.

Mr. NEWELL thought there ought to be some action taken by the House in relation to the matter, and either enact a general law, or give the remedy in special cases.

Mr. WINTERSMITH moved to refer back to the committee, with instructions to inquire what counties have not sufficient election precincts to take their vote in one day; carried.

Mr. BOWLING, against the petition of James N. Small, which, at the request of

Mr. T. D. BROWN, was withdrawn, together with the resolution.

Mr. BOWLING, against the petition of Wm. D. Scott; agreed to.

Mr. COMBS, against the petition of James T. Withers; agreed to.

Also—against the petition of W. C. Compton and wife; agreed to.

Mr. GARRETT had leave to withdraw the petition.

Mr. COMBS, a bill for the relief of George M. Green; read, and on the motion to dispense with the further readings of the bill,

Mr. TOWLES said that perhaps he was better acquainted with the facts of this case, than any other member of the House. The aid of this House was asked, not so much for the benefit of Mr. Green, as that husband, wife and children, (slaves,) might be brought together in one family. He hoped that the bill would pass, and he thought it to be due to the slaves, on the ground of human sympathy, although they happened to be guilty of a stain not like our own.

Mr. COMBS moved that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Thos. B. Powell, and that it be referred to Committee of Ways and Means; carried.

Also—that the Judiciary Committee have leave to bring in a bill more effectually to prevent gambling; carried.

Mr. MOORE, a bill for the benefit of the heirs of S. H. Anderson, deceased; read and passed.

Mr. HANSON, a bill for the benefit of Frederick A. Kenyon and wife; read and passed.

Also—a bill to regulate the manner of docketing causes in the Court of Appeals; the report was withdrawn on request.

Mr. WOOD, a bill to continue in force the law for the appointment of Commonwealth Attorneys; read and passed.

Mr. A. YOUNG, against the petition of George Babbit, for a divorce from his wife; agreed to.

Also—a bill to divorce Wm. Wilkinson, from his wife Juliana; read, and on motion to dispense with the further readings of the bill

Mr. A. YOUNG made a statement of the facts laid before the committee which were simply that the petitioner was an old man of three score years and more; his wife, who was an “old maid” when he married her, had voluntarily abandoned him in February last, that she had given him a writing confessing that her abandonment of him was without cause, &c., that he had returned to her all the effects which she had brought into the partnership, and now came before this house to be discharged from the obligations of a contract which had been so palpably violated by the other party.

Mr. HUGHES desired to know if the petitioner wanted to marry, before the spring term of the court.

Mr. WILKINS made a further statement of the facts of the case, and the reasons of the petitioner for desiring to be divorced. He had some property and some worthy children, who ought to inherit it; and the only object of the divorce was to save the property for those children, who desired it, rather than let the wife have her third when she had already had her own even to the last tea spoon. He thought the case did not come within the letter or spirit of the resolution which had been adopted.

Mr. BULLOCK said if he understood the case, it was, that the old man wanted a new wife. He was opposed to the passage of the bill.

Mr. WINTERSMITH moved to amend by adding that he should not be allowed to marry again; lost.

The yeas and nays being called on the final passage of the bill it was carried; yeas 51 nays 39.

Mr. A. YOUNG, a bill to divorce Benjamin Collins from his wife, Nancy, read, when

Mr. R. H. FIELD said, that the wife of the petitioner had been divorced from her husband by a due course of law, that since that time the bone of contention had died away, that she had repented herself, of the course pursued by her, and of the end attained, and now desired to return to her first love. That she, as well as the petitioner had conscientious scruples as to their right again to marry, and for that reason she had joined with him in the petition for his divorce, in order that they might again be each placed upon their original rights and take a fair start.

Mr. TOWLES did not want to interfere with other peoples business, but he could not agree with the gentleman last up, in regard to the necessity of this bill. He thought if Ben. wanted to marry Nancy there could be no objection to it; for it would not be bigamy, in his opinion—for Ben. could not make two wives out of Nancy, even if he did marry her twice, and as for Nancy, she had an undoubted right to marry Ben. for she had been divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*. He thought it would place this House in a ridiculous position, to pass this bill and grant a man a right which he before possessed. He was opposed to granting any divorce, because he thought the Legislature had not the right to grant divorces and discharge one party from a contract to which they would hold the other party bound; he had taken an oath to support the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and in view of that oath, he could not vote for any such bill. He thought there was no necessity of passing this bill, and especially since its only effort would be to subject the parties to the payment of another marriage fee.

Mr. WILLIAMS' remarks will be given to-morrow.

The debate was further continued by Messrs. Moore, Towles, Hardy and Hughes, when

Mr. WINTERSMITH offered the following substitute, viz: that Benjamin Collins, be restored to all the rights and privileges of an unmarried man.

Mr. TOWLES offered an amendment to the substitute, which the Speaker decided to be out of order. The substitute being accepted,

Mr. HANSON called the previous question, upon which the bill passed.

Mr. WALL, chairman of the committee on Enrollments reported that he had examined certain bills and found them correctly enrolled.

*Orders of the Day.*

Senate bill for the benefit of W. Wood, Surveyor of Clinton county; read and passed.

S. B. an act for the benefit of Samuel Hogan, of Greene county; read and referred.

S. B. an act directing a proclamation to be made of the readiness of Kentucky to redeem her unpaid six year bonds; read and passed.

S. B. an act to exempt from military duty the

volunteers to the war in Mexico; read and referred. S. B. an act for the benefit of L. D. Berry of Hickman county; read and passed.

S. B. an act for the benefit of Rice Maxey of Clinton county.

Mr. HAGGARD made a statement of the facts in the case, when

Mr. NEWELL moved to commit to the Judiciary committee; lost.

The bill was then passed.

S. B. an act providing for a change of venue in the case of Benjamin All; read, when

Mr. COMBS moved to commit to the Judiciary committee, which was carried.

S. B. an act to amend an act, entitled, an act to authorize the Auditor to correct certain mistakes, &c.; read, and on motion of

Mr. HARDY, was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. TOWLES moved that a committee of three be appointed to conduct the case of impeachment of J. A. Duff, before the Senate on the 11th day of January; carried. Messrs. Towles, Speed and Moore, were appointing such committee.

S. B. an act to amend an act for the benefit of John U. Watson, P. Cave and others; read and passed.

S. B. an act for the benefit of Mary C. Parker—divorcing her from her husband; read and referred.

S. B. an act limiting the jurisdiction of the General Court in certain cases; read and referred.

A resolution published in Senate proceedings of Tuesday, concerning newspaper postage, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. WRIGHT, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. HARDY in the chair, on the bill “to modify the act of 1833, concerning the importation of slaves.”

After some progress in the bill, on motion of

Mr. GARRETT, the Committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. NEWELL had leave of absence for five days, and at his request, he was excused from serving on the Apportionment Committee, and Mr. SHORT was placed thereon.

*Select Committee.*

Mr. MOORE, a bill for the improvement of Crab Orchard and Cumberland Gap turnpike road. The House then adjourned.

*REMARKS OF MR. WINTERSMITH* on the amendment to add the 14th section to the Convention Bill.

Mr. WINTERSMITH remarked that he would like to suggest a few thoughts in favor of the proposition. The Constitution required the Legislature to ascertain as nearly as possible the number of voters in the State at the time of the election, so that they might know whether a majority of them all had voted for a Convention. As the bill now reads, the Commissioners of Tax were directed to ascertain all who would be entitled to vote for the year 1848. This was done in March or April. In making the estimate, all then entitled, and all who should attain the right to vote before the election, by becoming of age or maturity of residence, were necessarily to be ascertained. It would be impossible for the Commissioners to know who would die or remove from the State previously to the election. All would therefore be included in their lists, who would be entitled to vote, without reduction of those who would be disfranchised by the act of God, or their own act. A fair calculation of the bills of mortality would be, that in the year, twelve per cent. of the voting population die or remove, and in the four months intervening between the taking of the lists by the Commissioners, and the time of the election, the reduction, the reduction by death and removal would be about four per cent. This would make a difference of about five thousand, in the aggregate list of voters.

He thought that no fair interpretation of the Constitution could authorize the passage of a law, by which these votes should constitute a part of the aggregate number of voters, a majority of which, it was necessary the Convention should obtain.

On the contrary, it was manifestly clear, that the Convention should only be required to obtain a majority of the actual voting population. The bill of last session, and the

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SATURDAY.....JANUARY 8, 1848.

Single copies of the DAILY COMMONWEALTH neatly enveloped, can be had at the Counting Room of this office for two cents per copy. Single copies of the WEEKLY COMMONWEALTH, containing full reports of the Legislative proceeding, can be had for four cents per copy.

A MEETING of the friends of a Convention will be held at the Capitol, (Representatives Chamber,) on TUESDAY EVENING next, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. January 8, 1848.

In consequence of the demand for the DAILY COMMONWEALTH containing the proceedings of the Whig members of the Legislature, our edition of yesterday was exhausted before our friends were supplied. We republish the proceedings, that those who failed to get a supply on yesterday, may be accommodated.

## Gubernatorial Convention.

At a meeting of the Whig members of the Legislature of Kentucky, held in the Capitol, on the evening of the 6th of January, 1848, WILLIAM K. WALL, Esq., was called to the Chair, and CHAS. G. WINTERSMITH, appointed Secretary.

On motion of B. E. GREY, Esq., the following preamble and resolution was adopted, viz:

Inasmuch as it is represented that a difference of opinion exists amongst the Whig press of Kentucky as to the time of holding the Whig Convention for the nomination of candidates for Governor and Lieut. Governor; and since it appears that a very large majority of the counties in which delegates have been selected to that body have indicated the 22d of February next as the most convenient and suitable day—Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Whig members of the General Assembly of Kentucky, That we recommend to the Whigs of the State that the Gubernatorial Convention assemble in the town of Frankfort on the 22d day of February next.

On motion of T. D. BROWN, Esq., the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Whig members of the Legislature, and others of the Whig party here assembled, desiring to see harmony and unanimity prevail in the Whig ranks, do most respectfully beg leave to recommend to the Whigs of the several counties of the State, the propriety and expediency of sending delegates to the Whig Convention as little tampered as possible by instructions to vote for their respective favorites, and that the delegations be instructed only to vote for the most suitable and available men as our candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, without any reference to personal preferences, or the aggrandizement of particular favorites.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

WM. K. WALL, Ch'm.

CHAS. G. WINTERSMITH, Sec'y.

Gen. SAM HOUSTON has been re-elected Senator from Texas, for six years.

The correspondent of the *Delta*, writing from the Rio Grande, on the 9th of December, says all things are moving on quietly and smoothly. The Mexicans have come to the conclusion that much more is to be made by trading with our soldiers, than by fighting them.

Maj. GAINES reached Washington City, was sworn in and took his seat in the House of Representatives on the 5th inst.

NEW ENTERPRISE.—The Editor of the *Maine Farmer*, intimates that the object of the expedition to the Dead Sea, ordered by Mr. Polk, may be to fish up Sodom and Gomorrah for the purpose of annexing them to the United States.

Messrs. UNDERWOOD and CRITTENDEN will accept our thanks for important public documents.

We are indebted to Hon. P. W. TOMPKINS, for valuable public documents.

At a public meeting of the citizens of Madison, held at Richmond, on the 3d inst., resolutions were adopted to invite Capt. C. M. CLAY to visit the country. Capt. C. is a native of Madison, and this public demonstration of the confidence and affection entertained for him by his old friends and neighbors, cannot fail to touch the heart of the brave and generous hearted soldier.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO MESSAGE.—Of this verbose and prolix emanation from the President, we have a few words to say. We have been anxious to lay it before our readers at length, that they may see its absurdities and deformities; but a press of other, and as we believed, much more interesting matter, has prevented its appearing. We shall endeavor to publish it at no very distant day, for it is a document that should be read and preserved; it may be of use hereafter.

The document, in truth, and by all the rules which prior to this day of progression governed the action of the Executive, should have been sent to the 29th Congress; indeed, it reads very much like it had been prepared for that time—and its reading now reminds us of many set speeches of school boys we have heard, which being prepared for "ladies and gentlemen," are unfortunately read on commencement day, to the rougher sex alone. If estimated by its length, it is decidedly the State paper of the age. There is about it, however, an air of concealment, a disingenuousness and a studied perversion of facts, which we have been too often called to notice in the papers from the pen of Mr. Polk. He goes back to the beginning of our Government, and seeks, in the very face of recorded facts to the contrary, to prove that the great statesmen who founded our Republic, never intended that our General Government should ever appropriate money for such purposes as internal improvement, and for the benefit of internal navigation. It goes beyond the doctrine taught by Old Hickory, and completely closes the door to all sorts of improvements for the aid of the inland commerce by Congress.

No constitutional scruples interposed, to save the President from involving this country in a war of conquest; for its prosecution in search of that vague and undefinable idea of "conquering a peace," finds, in his judgment, full warrant in the constitution. The President having led the country into it, it becomes the duty of the country, according to his construction, to shoulder the responsibility and brave the consequences, whatever they may be.

But is there not something queer, if not altogether incomprehensible to the mind of the man accustomed to plain matter-of-fact constructions of plain matter-of-fact powers, in the idea which has possessed the mind of the President, that he may make war while Congress is in session, although the constitution says explicitly, that Congress shall have the power to declare war; and that he may not sanction appropriations for the benefit of internal commerce, notwithstanding it is demanded by a majority of Congress, which has power over the thing appropriated. In the latter step, he professes to have acted from fear of consolidation and concentration of power in the hands of the General Government; but what becomes of this fear when he takes all the power into his own hands, as in the case of the Mexican war? Lest power may be concentrated in the hands of the National Legislature, he steps forward, assumes the reins, and takes all power in his own hands!

Besides, in this matter of Internal Improvement, while he positively refuses to grant money for the improvement of the rivers already under the jurisdiction of the United States, we find him contending with a foreign power for the right to make a railroad or canal through foreign territory! Money may not be expended by Congress, according to Mr. Polk, to build a Railroad from Philadelphia to Cincinnati, or to remove an obstruction from the Mississippi or Missouri rivers; but according to the same learned authority, the Congress of the United States may appropriate money to build a Railroad or cut Canals in the republic of Mexico!

The voters of the city of Lexington, decided on Saturday last, by a vote of 282 to 141, that the City Council shall have power to grant licenses to retail spirituous liquors!

Our town is pretty well filled with gentlemen of the Democratic party. They have come together, it is understood, to select their candidates for Governor and Lieut. Governor.

THIRTEEN GUNS will be fired to-day, by order of the General Assembly, in honor of the glorious victory achieved by the American forces under Gen. Jackson at New Orleans on the 8th of Jan. 1815.

The lovers of sweet music will bear in mind the CONCERT at the Mansion House to-night.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Why now; art not ashamed; thou misshapen lump of flesh to presume to intrude thyself amongst those whose delicate fingers have never been soiled by vulgar toil. Look at thyself; dost think thou art shaped like a Hand. Stead of being smooth and polished, as is the fashion, thou art rough and cracked. Thy fingers, that should be plump and taper, are short, and stubbed, and like anything in the world save fingers; thy knuckles like unsightly knots on some old tree; but if thou wilt force thyself among thy betters, be sure thou go masqued; get thee a glove to hide thy deformities, for sure art thou, if seen, to bring thy owner to disgrace as a low born mechanic. What matter, tho' thou hast fashioned the gigantic vessel, that bids defiance alike to winds and waves, and with almost the speed of the Leviathan ploughs its way o'er the trackless and unfathomable deep! What matters, tho' thou hast made Heaven's keen lightning subservient to thy will, and chained it to do thy bidding; or that thou hast, by thy cunning, made the loom whose fabrics are as light and delicate as the gossamer, and as bright and beautiful as the hues of the arched rainbow in a summer's shower! What matters, tho' thou hast by thy industry built the Press, that mighty lever that moves the world; or that thou hast raised the vast dome whose symmetry and colossal proportions appear almost to bid Time himself defiance? What then, thinkst thou that for these thou art fit to mingle with the rulers of the land, or join with Beauty in the folds of the mazy dance. Fie, thou art presumptuous, and should be whipped.

These thoughts were suggested by hearing a remark made by a person in a ball room; it was this: "Oh, he's only a mechanic, just look at his hand!"

MEXICAN CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DELTA—MR. TRIST—HIS POSITION.—The following interesting paragraph is from a letter from "Mustang," dated at the city of Mexico on the 4th ult.:

I have been puzzled for the last ten days to fathom the object of the detention of the train, with which Mr. Trist is going to Vera Cruz on his road home. Everything has, apparently, been ready for that time, but it has been detained from day to day without any perceptible cause, and Mr. Trist is so cautious in reference to "matters of State," that even his most intimate acquaintances cannot "talk enough out of him," as we say here, to base an opinion upon. However, I think my letters from Queretaro, the present seat of the Mexican Government, which are to the 2d inst., throw some light upon it. The information I have received is undoubtedly correct, and I have no hesitation in unequivocally vouching for its accuracy. At the time Mr. Trist received his communications from our Government, he had already entered into the preliminaries of negotiating a peace with the Mexican Government; and the Mexican commissioners are now in this city, clothed with the power to conclude such negotiations. The Mexican Government, in conjunction with the convention of the Governors of the different States, just adjourned, have determined that they will make an "honorable peace," and that "it is not dishonorable in them to sell their territory." My letters further inform me that Mr. Trist will continue and conclude his negotiations, if possible, before he leaves here—that although he was directed by his Government to return home at the earliest possible period, yet still they had not abrogated his powers while he remained in the country. Of this my informant may be mistaken. It has been currently circulated that Mr. Trist received peremptory orders to cease his official capacity on the receipt of Mr. Buchanan's communication. However, be this true or not, if Mr. Trist is the man I have taken him to be, he will conclude a peace, if the Mexicans

are willing to make it upon the terms we have offered. Considering the character of these people as a nation, and the circumstances existing, the interests of the United States require at his hands; if he should delay or refuse, the opportunity will not probably again offer shortly, and in the course of the delay ensuing, we will be compelled, in accordance with the policy at present adopted by our Government, to reorganize our army, increase it to at least 75,000 men—as the idea of occupying the country properly with the army as present in the field is farcical, and not based upon a correct knowledge of the affairs existing, to say nothing of the train of evils and difficulties that will follow. Therefore, I contend, let the instructions be what they may, if an opportunity offers to Mr. Trist of negotiating peace, he should assume the responsibility at all hazards, and the country will sustain him. There is no doubt but that the Mexican Congress, which sits in January, will confirm any treaty the Government may make, as a large majority of them have been elected with the special pledge to support the present Government; this, together with the pledge of the Governors to sustain the movement, I think, warrants the belief that the treaty, if made, will be confirmed by the Mexicans. I think that the delay of the train, as it is only Mr. Trist's escort, is significant of his intentions, and I hope that he will at least hear what the Mexicans have to say.

An address delivered before the "Frankfort Atheneum," by Col. C. S. Todd, late Minister to Russia. [Published by request of the Atheneum.]

## "RUSSIA AND THE RUSSIANS."

(CONTINUED.)

The Nobility of Russia consists of some ten or twelve grades; the highest in rank are the descendants of the ancient Princes of the Dukedom, prior to the Empire, and those who are created by the Emperor in consideration of eminent public service; then Counts; then an inferior grade of Princes. All officers of the Army who reach the grade of Colonel, are considered as ennobled; but society, as the higher circles are called, consists only of the first four or five grades. These all receive a liberal education, and many of them are permitted to travel into other countries, and are distinguished by their polished manners, and their intellectual accomplishments. Many of the Nobility have immense estates, including often 10,000 Serfs, with more land than they can cultivate. The deference paid to them by the Peasantry, is more marked than with our Republican notions we could conceive it to be possible. It will be difficult, in the limits allowed to these remarks, to dwell upon the manners and customs of the Nobility or of the etiquette which is so exacting at the Court; but I may be allowed to pause a moment on the female character of the wealthier classes. These are educated in a liberal style, and many of their accomplishments are useful, as well as ornamental. They have a fine taste for music, and embroidery, of which latter, I have some elegant specimens, as Souvenirs, in return for American books. The children of both sexes are taught from an early period to observe the most courteous manner, and a laudable neatness of dress, in which they as much deserve to be models to our own children, as in their remarkable efficiency in the knowledge of modern languages. I indulged in my last interview with the Emperor, that the day might soon arrive when the power of the United States and Russia, by sea and by land, should be such as to command all the Nations of the earth to be at peace.

The resources of Russia are of vast extent. Independently of the productions of her soil and of her workshops, &c., she has great mineral wealth. Gold, platinum, copper and iron, abound in greater quantities than in any other portion of Europe, if not of the Globe, though no mines of coal are to be found. The consumption of this article, at St. Petersburg, is supplied as ballast in the ships, and is as cheap as at New Castle. In her geographical position so compact, in her military capacities, in her warlike character, and her vast energies concentrated by the genius of one mind, Russia may be regarded as the first Northern Power in Europe, if not of the

any on the Continent. Like our own beloved land, she is the child of the eighteenth century. In the last 100 years she has advanced as rapidly as her neighbors, in all that constitutes the strength of a State, if we except the results which flow only from the diffusion of intelligence among the masses. Like our own country, she is formidable in her offensive as well as defensive attitude. She, by her isolated position and gigantic army; by our extended coast and efficient marine; under a proper system of culture she, like the United States, possesses ample means for feeding her own people, and of contributing to the wants of other Nations. In all substantial respects, the two powers are the most independent on the Globe. They have no conflicting points of contact; they are destined to be the best neighbors, because they are so far off. The power of steam is working wonders in both. Railroads will give them permanent tranquility, for in the concentrated means of war, are found the surest guarantees of peace. The capacity which their internal facilities afford for precipitating a large military force, from the interior to the frontier, will preserve both from invasion, while in Russia, the vast Railroads contemplated by the Emperor, for uniting the Baltic with the Black Sea and the Caspian, will give him the power to invade the contiguous nations, at the same time, his standing army, permitted, from this power of sudden concentration, to be reduced in numbers and expense, is engaged in preserving the public peace at home. With this interesting Nation, we have always maintained a friendly intercourse. It is a sublime spectacle—worthy the contemplation of other powers, to see two great Nations, the most extensive in territory and resources, in the Old and in the New World, *always living in peace*. As to *them*, the Temple of Janus has been always shut; may it never be opened! and may I not renew to you an expression of the sentiments in which, with the independence and courtesy of a Kentuckian, I indulged in my last interview with the Emperor, that the day might soon arrive when the power of the United States and Russia, by sea and by land, should be such as to command all the Nations of the earth to be at peace.

(To be continued.)

## COURT OF APPEALS.

The Court assembled—Present, MARSHALL, Chief Justice, and BRECK and SIMPSON, Judges.

FRIDAY, January 7, 1848.

CAUSES DECIDED.

Combs v Stewart & Co., decree, Fayette; affirmed. Stucker v Kitchen, decree, Scott; affirmed. Merriweather v Woolfolk, &c., decree, Louisville; affirmed. Hughes v Peck, decree, Bourbon; affirmed. Same v Duncan, decree, Bourbon; reversed. Strader v Hatchelor, judgment, Jefferson; reversed.

ORDERS.

Warth v Lilley, decree, Bourbon; affirmed. Vallaghagan v Way, &c., decree, Owen; affirmed. For v White, decree, Owen; affirmed. Wilhoite v Hancock, judgment, Owen; affirmed. Rogers v Wickliffe, decree, Fayette; were argued.

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